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THE LITTLE MERMAID

Ariel and Sebastian Poster Inside!

Ariel discovers a phantom ship!

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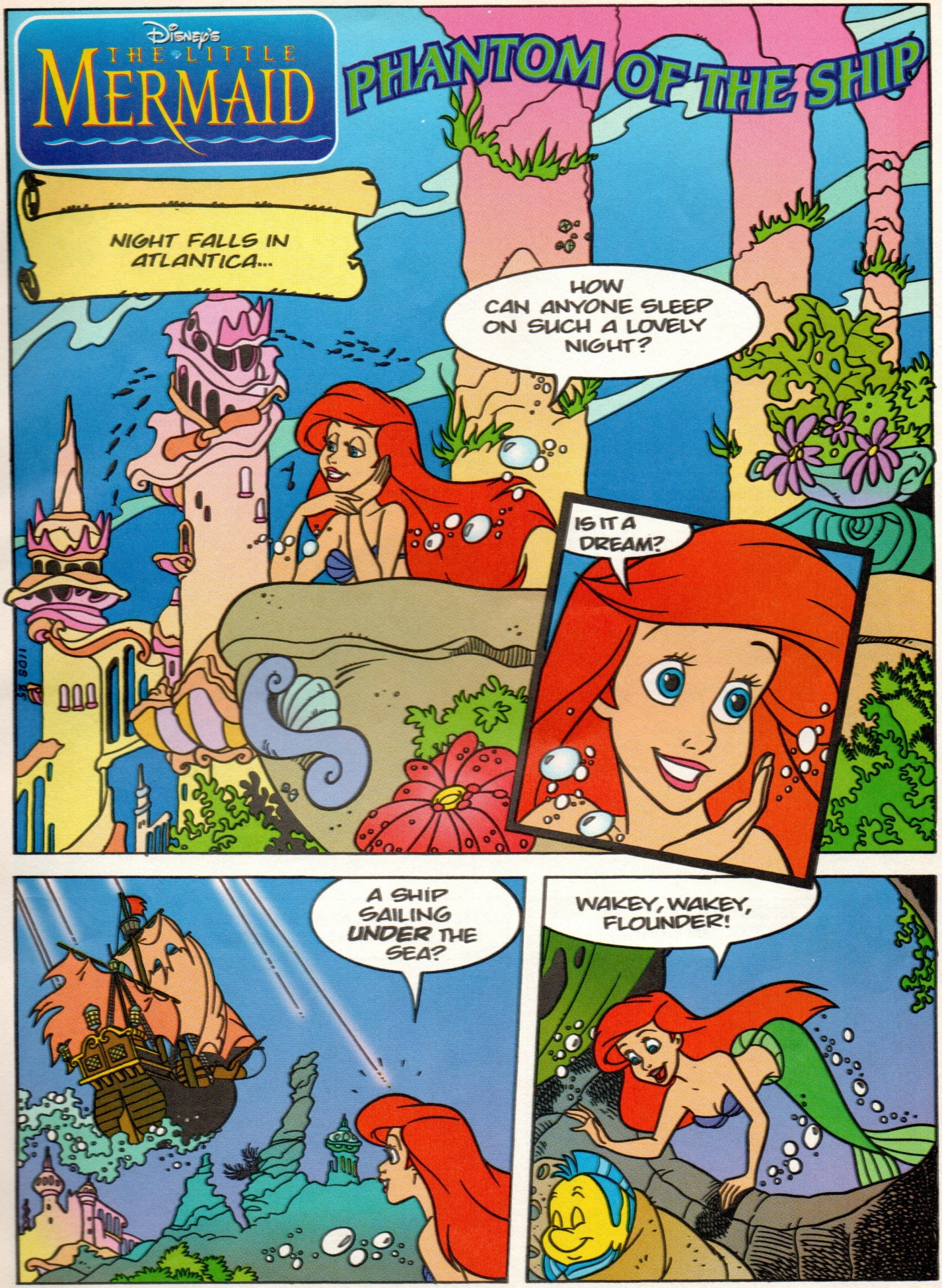
Fish Game

Ariel and her friends are having fun playing fish games. Flounder and Sebastian have decided to see who can group together the most fish to make one big fish shape each. Count the groups of fish to see who wins the game.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PHANTOM OF THE SHIP
NIGHT FALLS IN ATLANTICA...
HOW CAN ANYONE SLEEP ON SUCH A LOVELY NIGHT?
IS IT A DREAM?
A SHIP SAILING UNDER THE SEA?
WAKEY, WAKEY, FLOUNDER!

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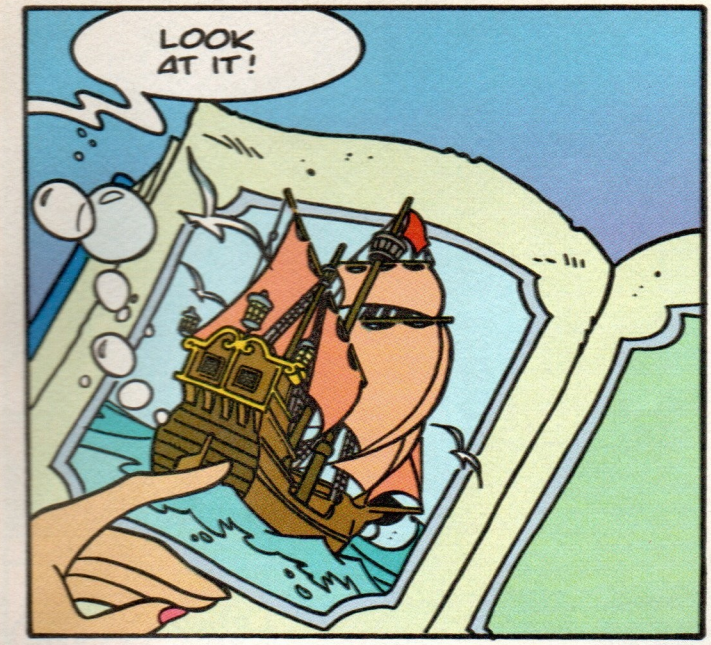
LOOK, FLOUNDER! A PHANTOM SHIP!
YAWN! WHERE?
D-DID YOU SAY PH-PHANTOM?
WE SHALL HAVE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT IT!
MUST WE?
A LITTLE LATER...
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
SH, SEBASTIAN. I MUST VISIT MY SECRET CAVE!
NOW, WHERE IS MY BOOK ON SHIPS?
AH, HERE WE ARE! I KNEW I HAD SEEN THAT SHIP BEFORE!



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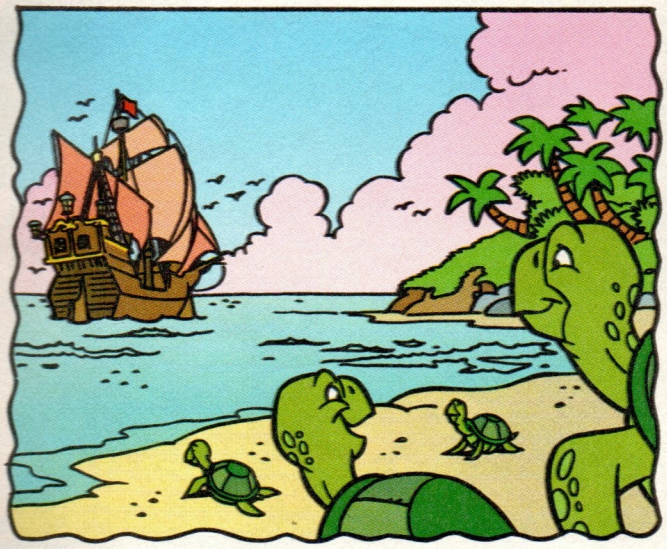
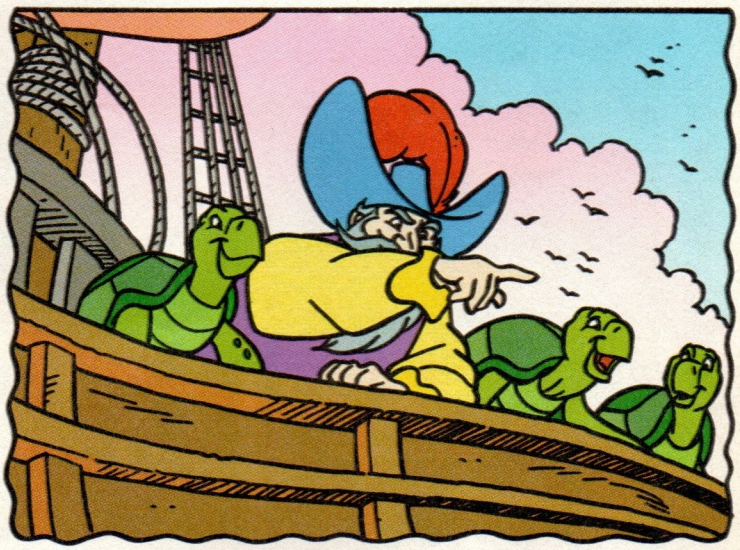
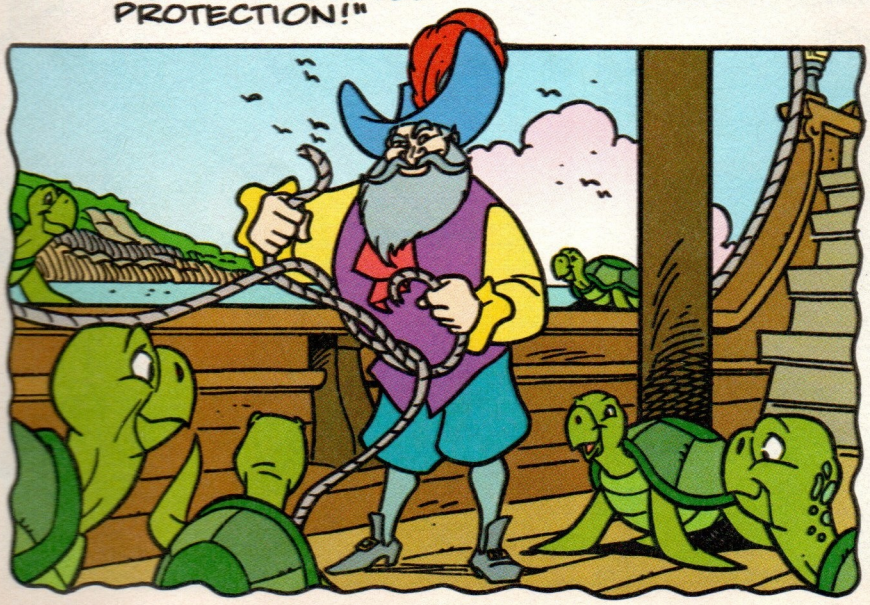
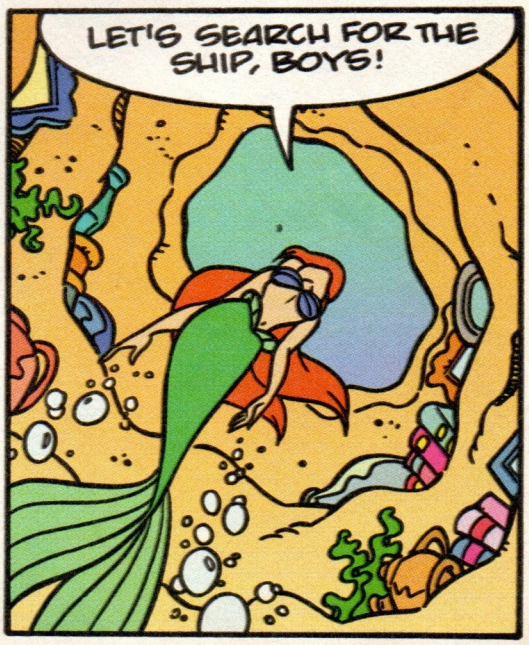


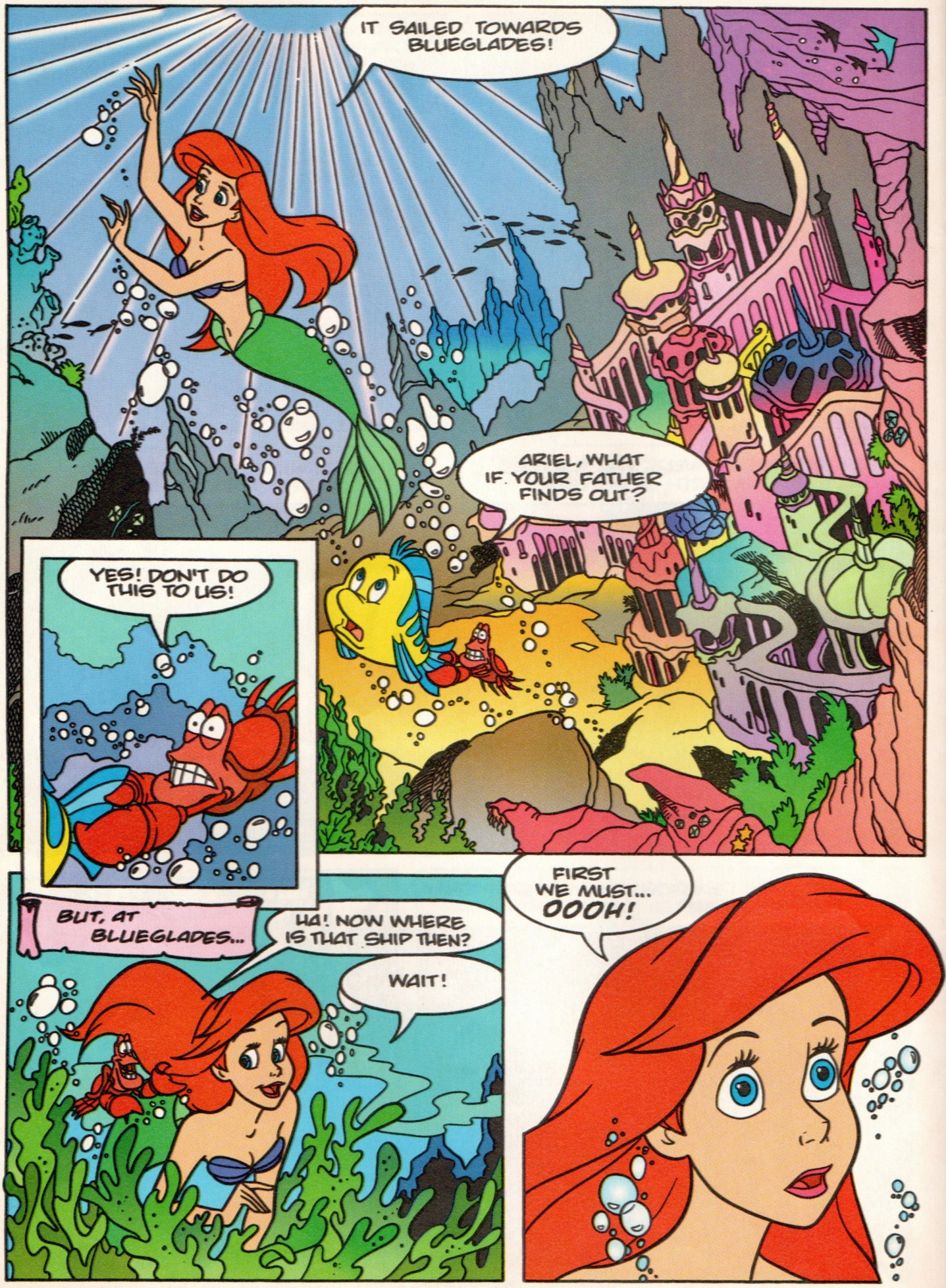
"MERCY WAS A GOOD FRIEND OF THE TURTLES!"

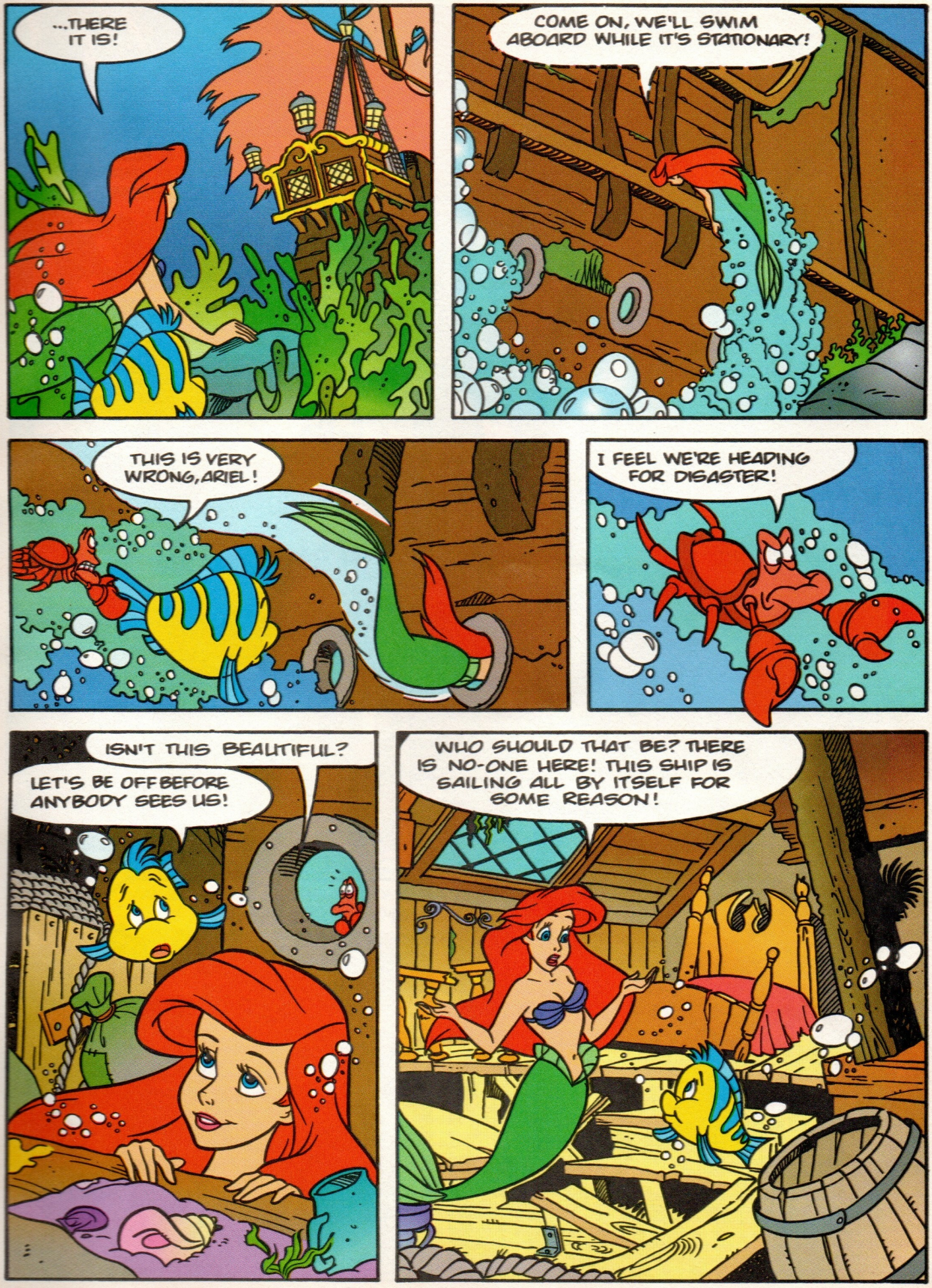


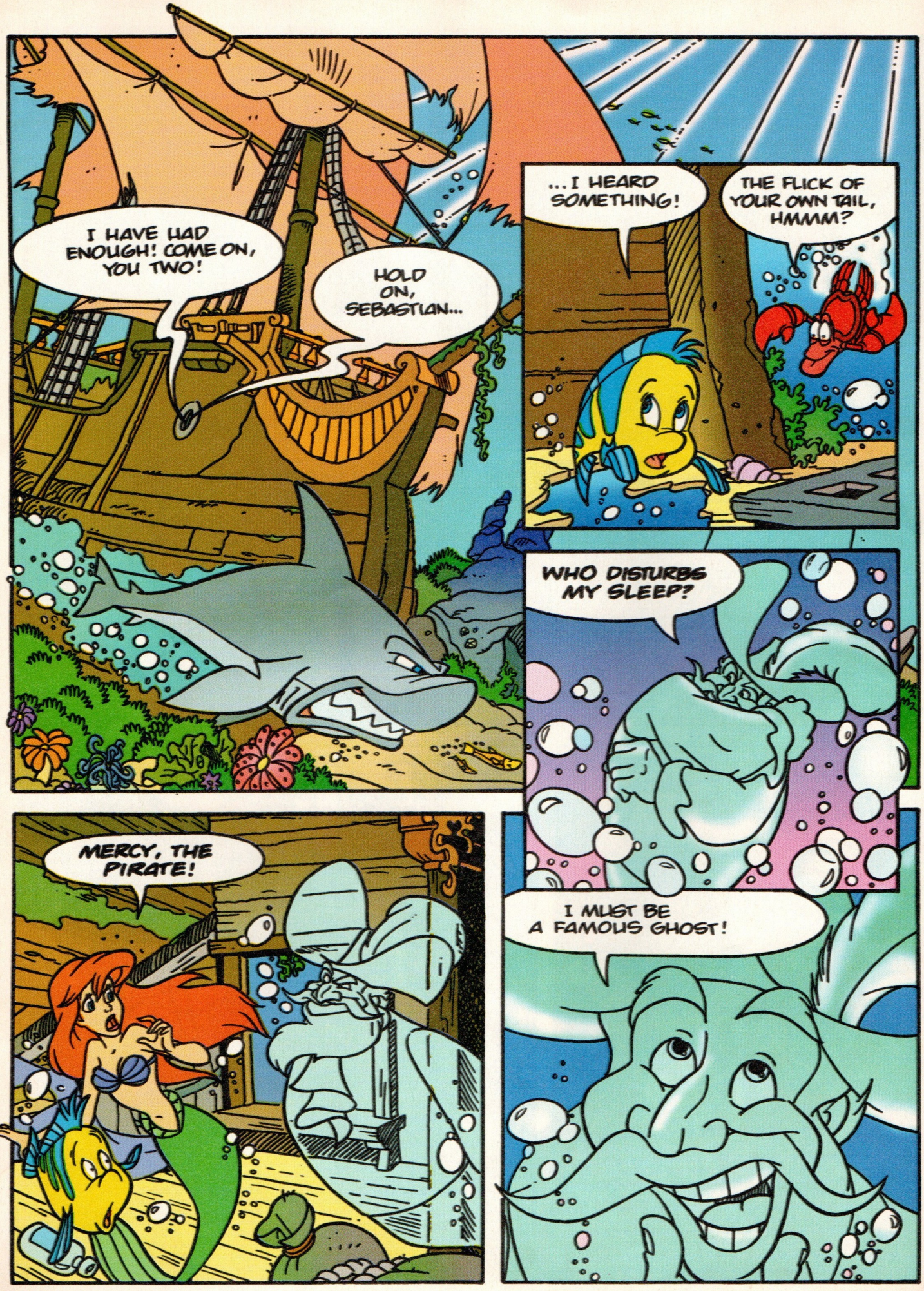
"HE HAD DEVOTED HIS LIFE TO THEIR PROTECTION!"

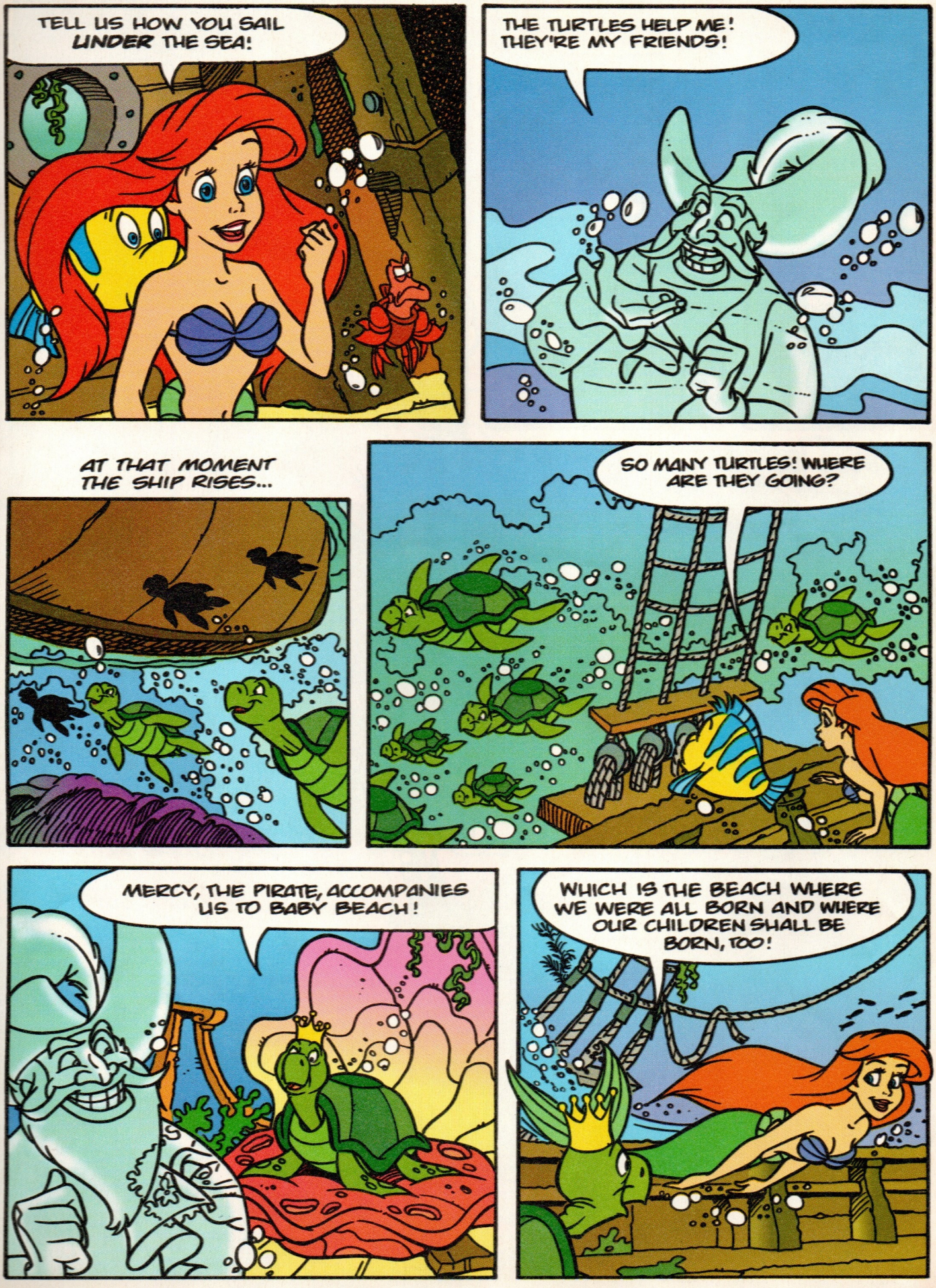


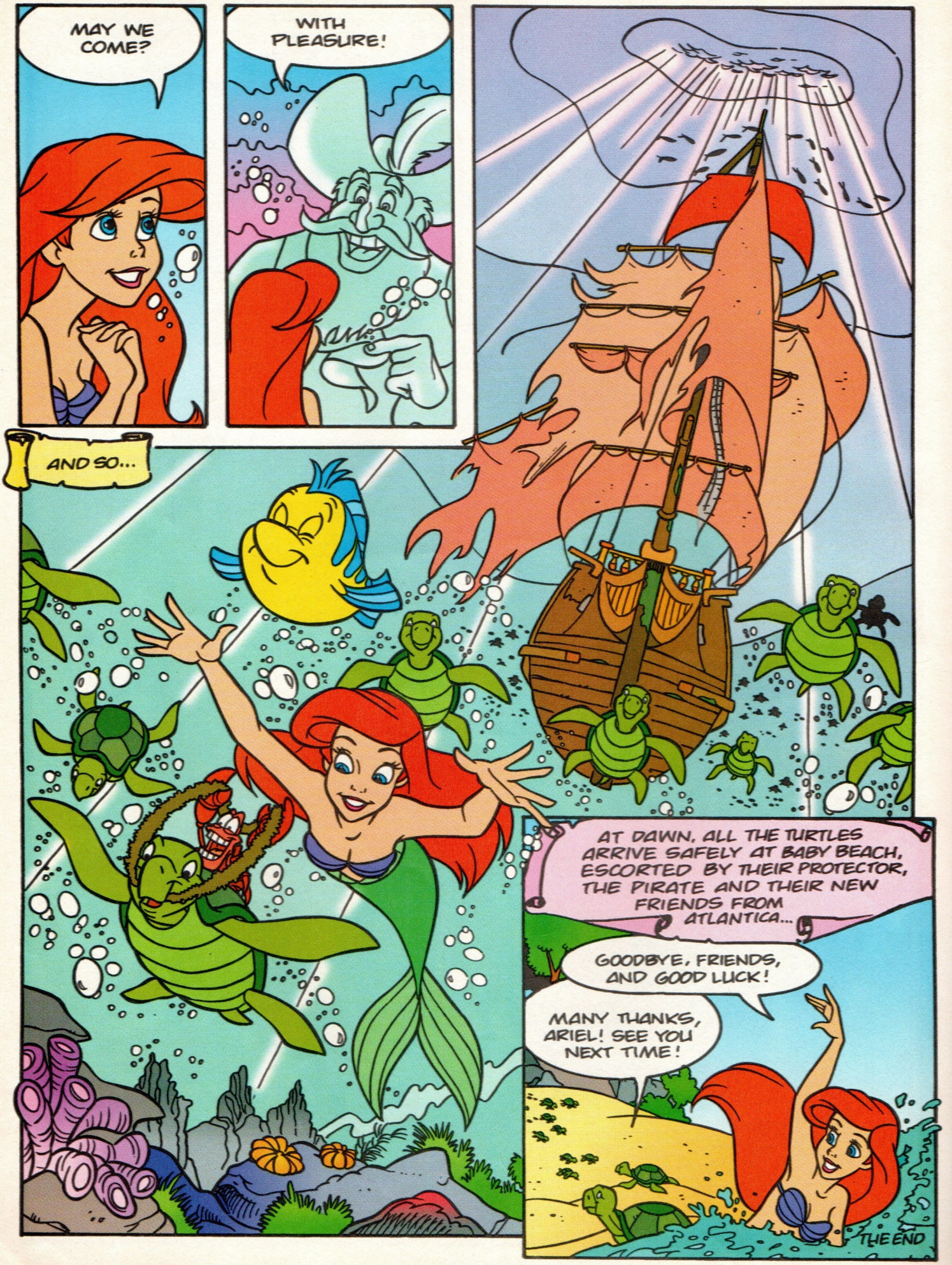



IT SAILED TOWARDS BLUEGLADES!
ARIEL, WHAT IF YOUR FATHER FINDS OUT?
YES! DON'T DO THIS TO US!
BUT, AT BLUEGLADES...
HA! NOW WHERE IS THAT SHIP THEN?
WAIT!
FIRST WE MUST... OOOH!


...THERE IT IS!
COME ON, WE'LL SWIM ABOARD WHILE IT'S STATIONARY!
THIS IS VERY WRONG, ARIEL!
I FEEL WE'RE HEADING FOR DISASTER!
ISN'T THIS BEAUTIFUL?
LET'S BE OFF BEFORE ANYBODY SEES US!
WHO SHOULD THAT BE? THERE IS NO-ONE HERE! THIS SHIP IS SAILING ALL BY ITSELF FOR SOME REASON!

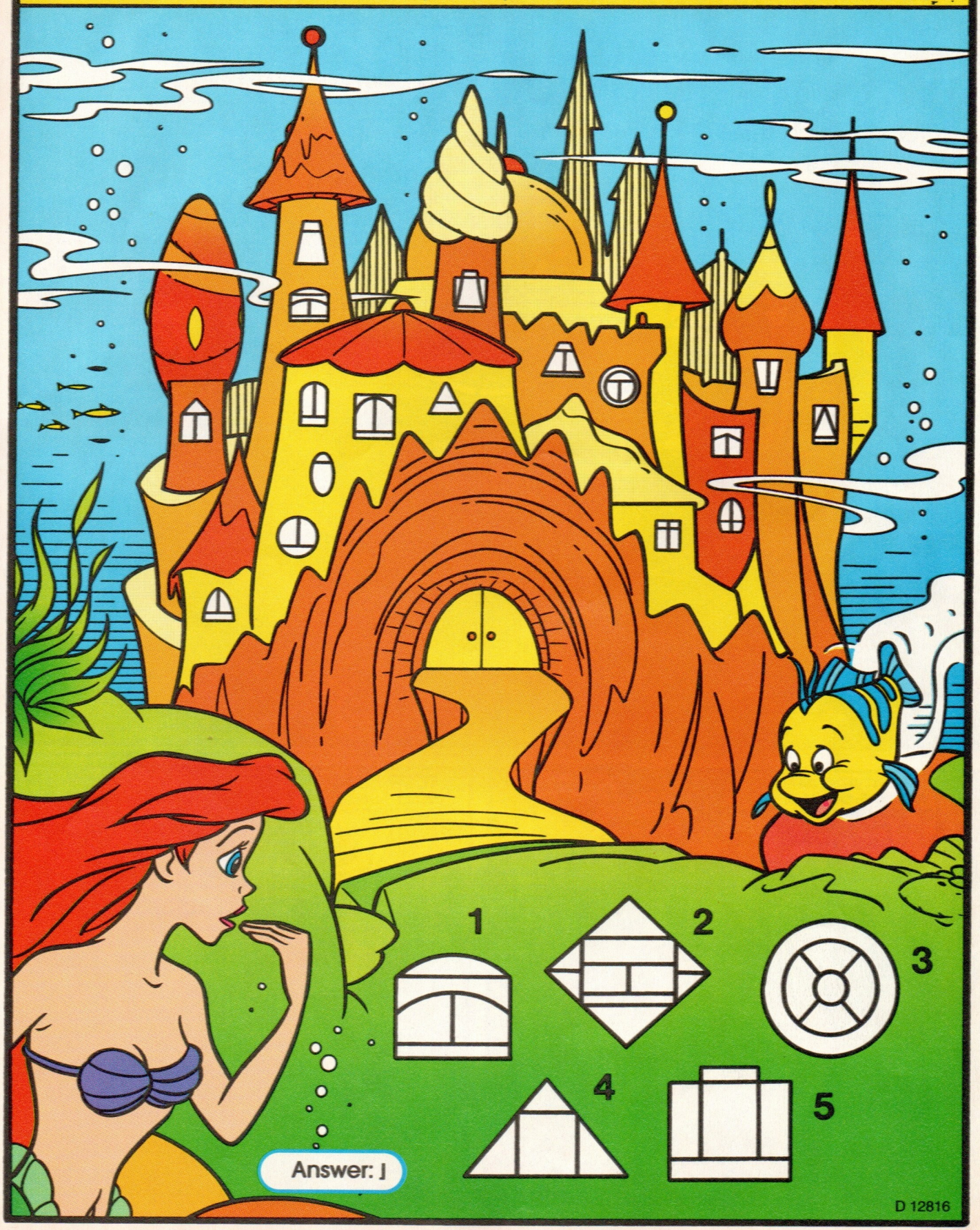

I HAVE HAD ENOUGH! COME ON, YOU TWO!
HOLD ON, SEBASTIAN...
...I HEARD SOMETHING!
THE FLICK OF YOUR OWN TAIL, HMMM?
WHO DISTURBS MY SLEEP?
I MUST BE A FAMOUS GHOST!
MERCY, THE PIRATE!


TELL US HOW YOU SAIL UNDER THE SEA!
THE TURTLES HELP ME! THEY'RE MY FRIENDS!
AT THAT MOMENT THE SHIP RISES...
SO MANY TURTLES! WHERE ARE THEY GOING?
MERCY, THE PIRATE, ACCOMPANIES US TO BABY BEACH!
WHICH IS THE BEACH WHERE WE WERE ALL BORN AND WHERE OUR CHILDREN SHALL BE BORN, TOO!


MAY WE COME?
WITH PLEASURE!
AND SO...
AT DAWN, ALL THE TURTLES ARRIVE SAFELY AT BABY BEACH, ESCORTED BY THEIR PROTECTOR, THE PIRATE AND THEIR NEW FRIENDS FROM ATLANTICA...
GOODBYE, FRIENDS, AND GOOD LUCK!
MANY THANKS, ARIEL! SEE YOU NEXT TIME!
THE END

New Windows For The Palace

Ariel and Flounder have been playing football inside the palace and they have broken a window. King Triton has asked them to buy a new one. But, only one of the five new windows below will fit. Look carefully at the palace windows to find out which one it is.



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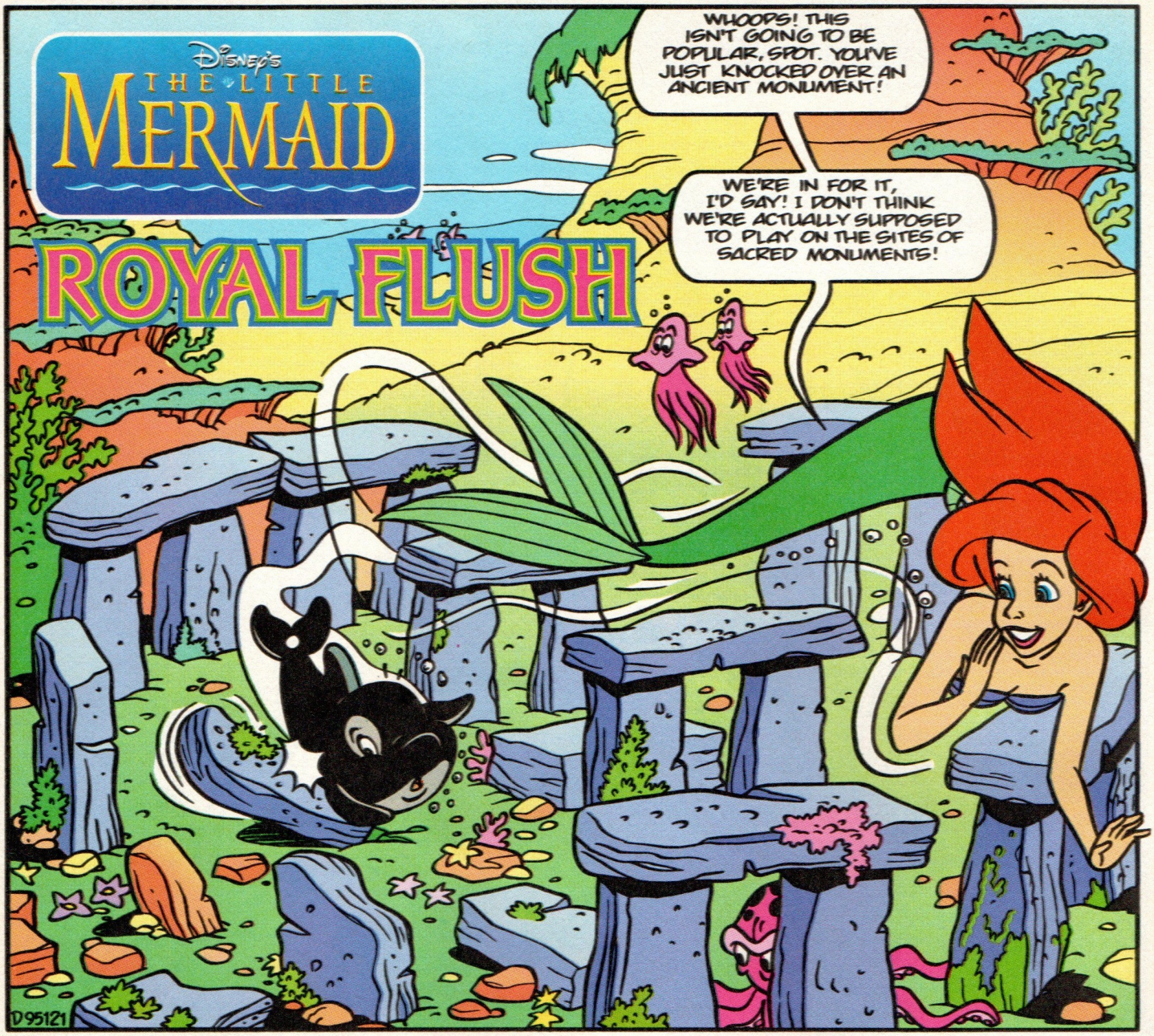
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WHOOPS! THIS ISN'T GOING TO BE POPULAR, SPOT. YOU'VE JUST KNOCKED OVER AN ANCIENT MONUMENT!
WE'RE IN FOR IT, I'D SAY! I DON'T THINK WE'RE ACTUALLY SUPPOSED TO PLAY ON THE SITES OF SACRED MONUMENTS!
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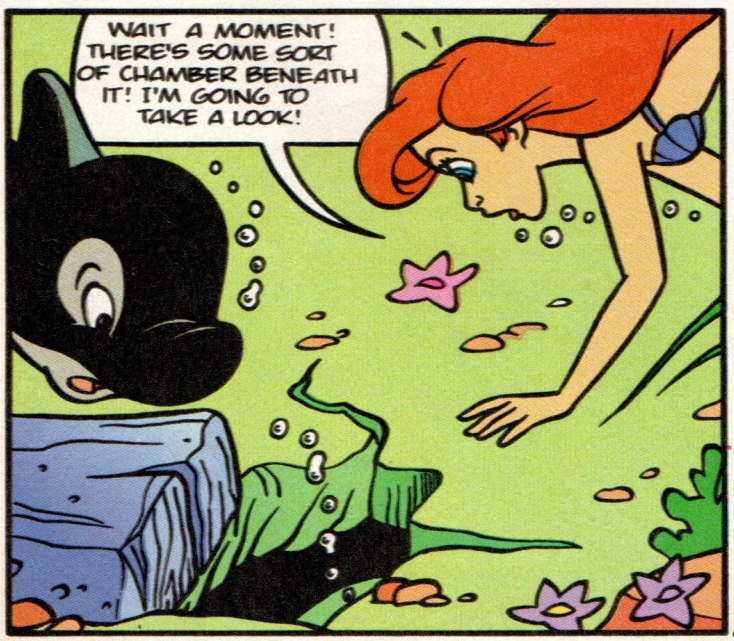
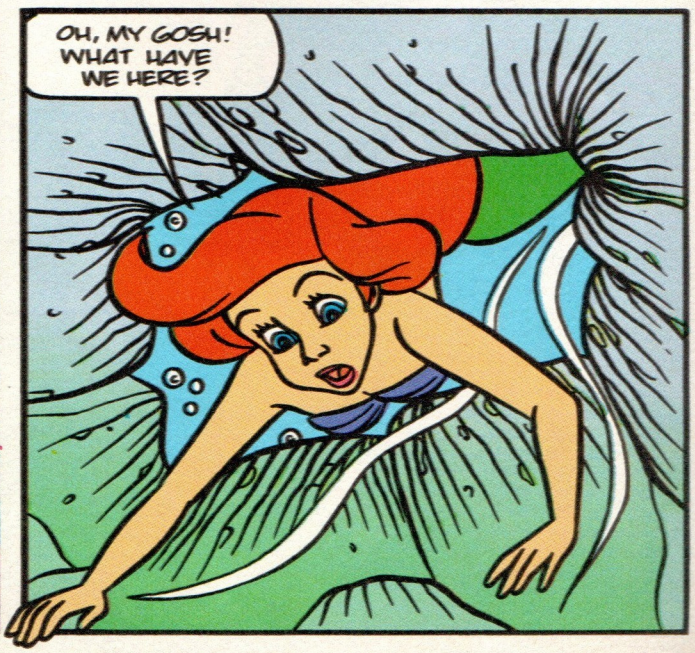
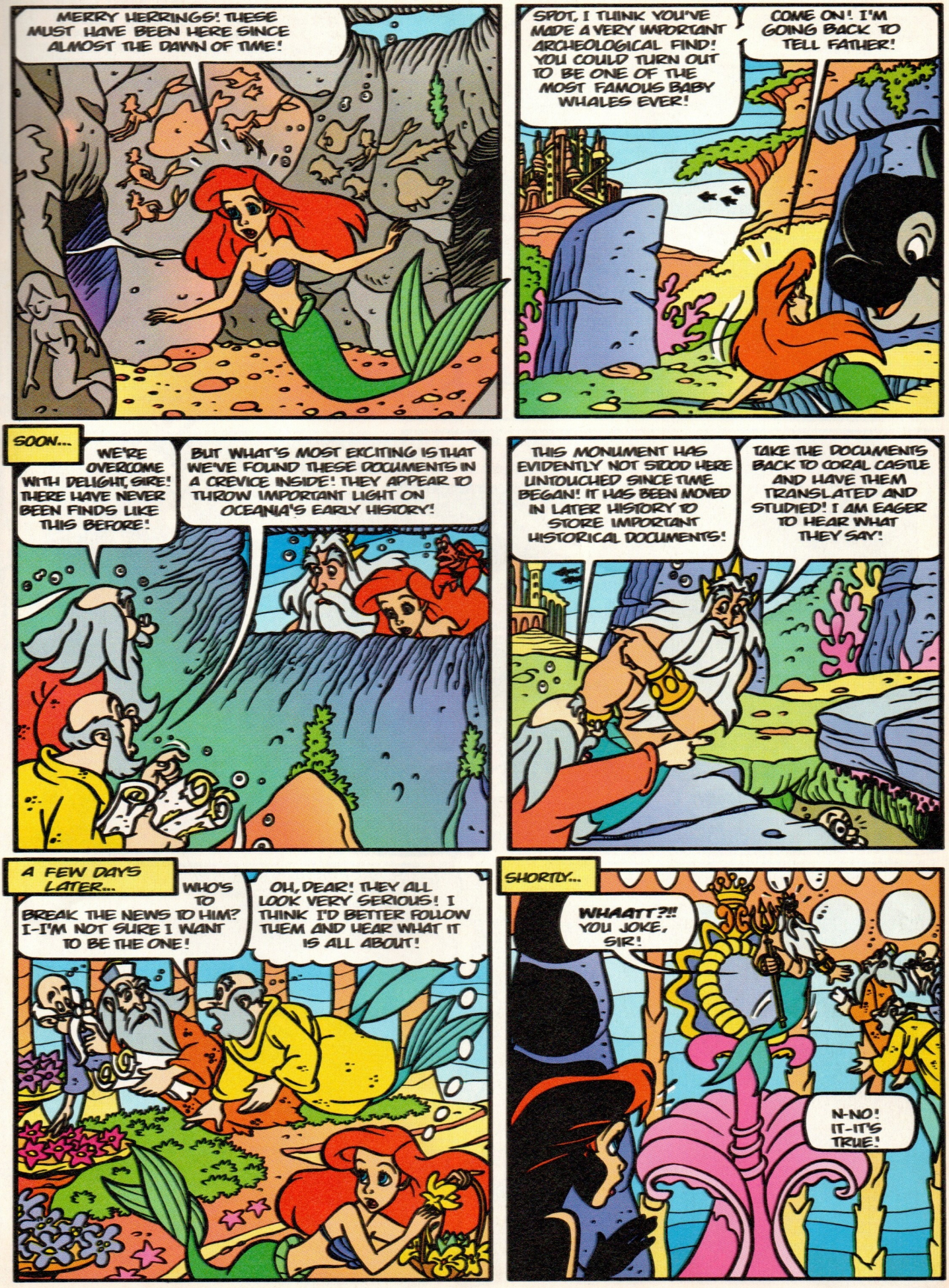

WAIT A MOMENT! THERE'S SOME SORT OF CHAMBER BENEATH IT! I'M GOING TO TAKE A LOOK!


OH, MY GOSH! WHAT HAVE WE HERE?


MERRY HERRINGS! THESE MUST HAVE BEEN HERE SINCE ALMOST THE DAWN OF TIME!
SPOT, I THINK YOU'VE MADE A VERY IMPORTANT ARCHEOLOGICAL FIND! YOU COULD TURN OUT TO BE ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS BABY WHALES EVER!
COME ON! I'M GOING BACK TO TELL FATHER!
SOON...
WE'RE OVERCOME WITH DELIGHT, SIRE! THERE HAVE NEVER BEEN FINDS LIKE THIS BEFORE!
BUT WHAT'S MOST EXCITING IS THAT WE'VE FOUND THESE DOCUMENTS IN A CREVICE INSIDE! THEY APPEAR TO THROW IMPORTANT LIGHT ON OCEANIA'S EARLY HISTORY!
THIS MONUMENT HAS EVIDENTLY NOT STOOD HERE UNTOUCHED SINCE TIME BEGAN! IT HAS BEEN MOVED IN LATER HISTORY TO STORE IMPORTANT HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS!
TAKE THE DOCUMENTS BACK TO CORAL CASTLE AND HAVE THEM TRANSLATED AND STUDIED! I AM EAGER TO HEAR WHAT THEY SAY!
A FEW DAYS LATER...
WHO'S TO BREAK THE NEWS TO HIM? I-I'M NOT SURE I WANT TO BE THE ONE!
OH, DEAR! THEY ALL LOOK VERY SERIOUS! I THINK I'D BETTER FOLLOW THEM AND HEAR WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT!
SHORTLY...
WHAATT?!! YOU JOKE, SIR!
N-NO! IT-IT'S TRUE!

Y-YOU MAY NOT BE THE RIGHTFUL KING OF OCEANIA!
!!
THE TRANSLATIONS HERE TAKE US BACK TO A TIME FAR BEYOND THE BEGINNING OF OUR HISTORY AS WE HAVE KNOWN IT SO FAR!
LET US RECALL THAT HISTORY BRIEFLY, KING TRITON!
ALL WE KNOW IS THAT JOYLESSNESS LAY OVER THE SEABED AND THAT THE ONLY TRUE RULER WAS UNHAPPINESS ITSELF, SPREAD BY TYRANT SERPENTS...
EEEK!
AIEEE!
AGHH!
BUT ONE DAY THERE ARRIVED AS IF FROM NOWHERE, A LORDLY AND NOBLE MERMAN WITH A KNIGHTLY ENTOURAGE...
THEY SET ABOUT PUTTING THE TYRANT SERPENTS TO FLIGHT AND ESTABLISHING ORDER ON THE SEABED...

THUS WAS THE KINGDOM OF OCEANIA ESTABLISHED UNDER THE KINDLY RULE OF KING TRITON THE FIRST...
THAT IS OUR HISTORY AS WE KNOW IT! YOU, SIRE, ARE THE DIRECT DESCENDANT OF THIS FIRST KING!
WHAT IN THE WRITINGS CHANGES ALL THAT?
THEY REVEAL THAT THE ORIGINAL KINGDOM OF OCEANIA FLOURISHED MUCH FURTHER NORTH!
?
THAT KINGDOM, TOO, WAS RULED BY A KING TRITON, THE WRITINGS TELL US! AND HE, TOO, RULED WISELY AND JUSTLY!
BUT HIS THRONE AND KINGDOM WERE DESIRED BY A DISTANT COUSIN, THE WARLIKE PRINCE BLACKTAIL!
BLACKTAIL GATHERED AN ARMY OF MERMEN AND ADVANCED ON THE CASTLE IN A BID TO OVERTHROW TRITON!
IN SHORT, BLACKTAIL SUCCEEDED...
HA, HAH! THE DAY IS MINE, I WOULD SAY! I HOPE OCEANIA IS READY TO WELCOME ITS NEW RULER!
THE UNHAPPY KING TRITON AND HIS YOUNG FAMILY FLED INTO EXILE...

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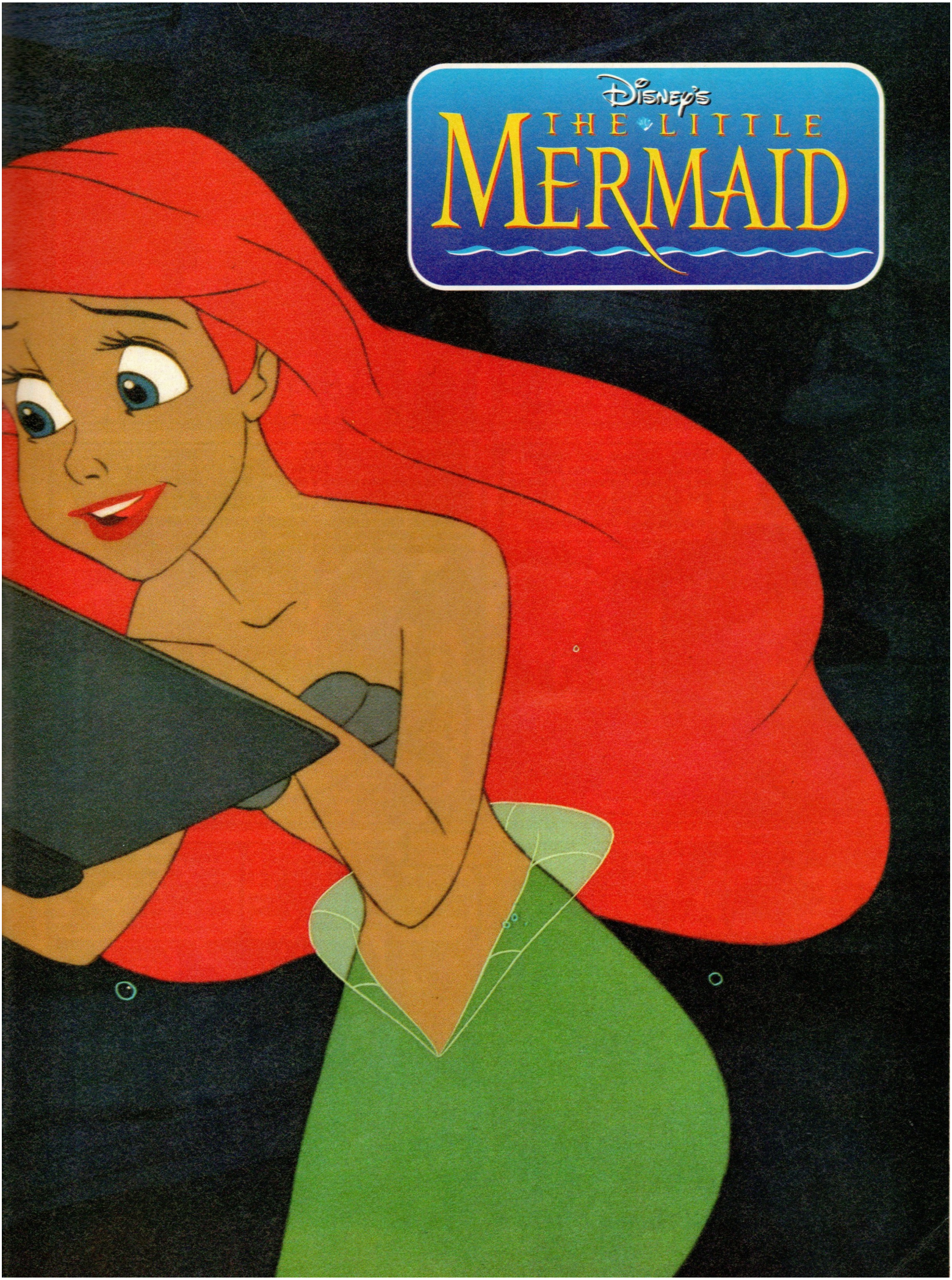
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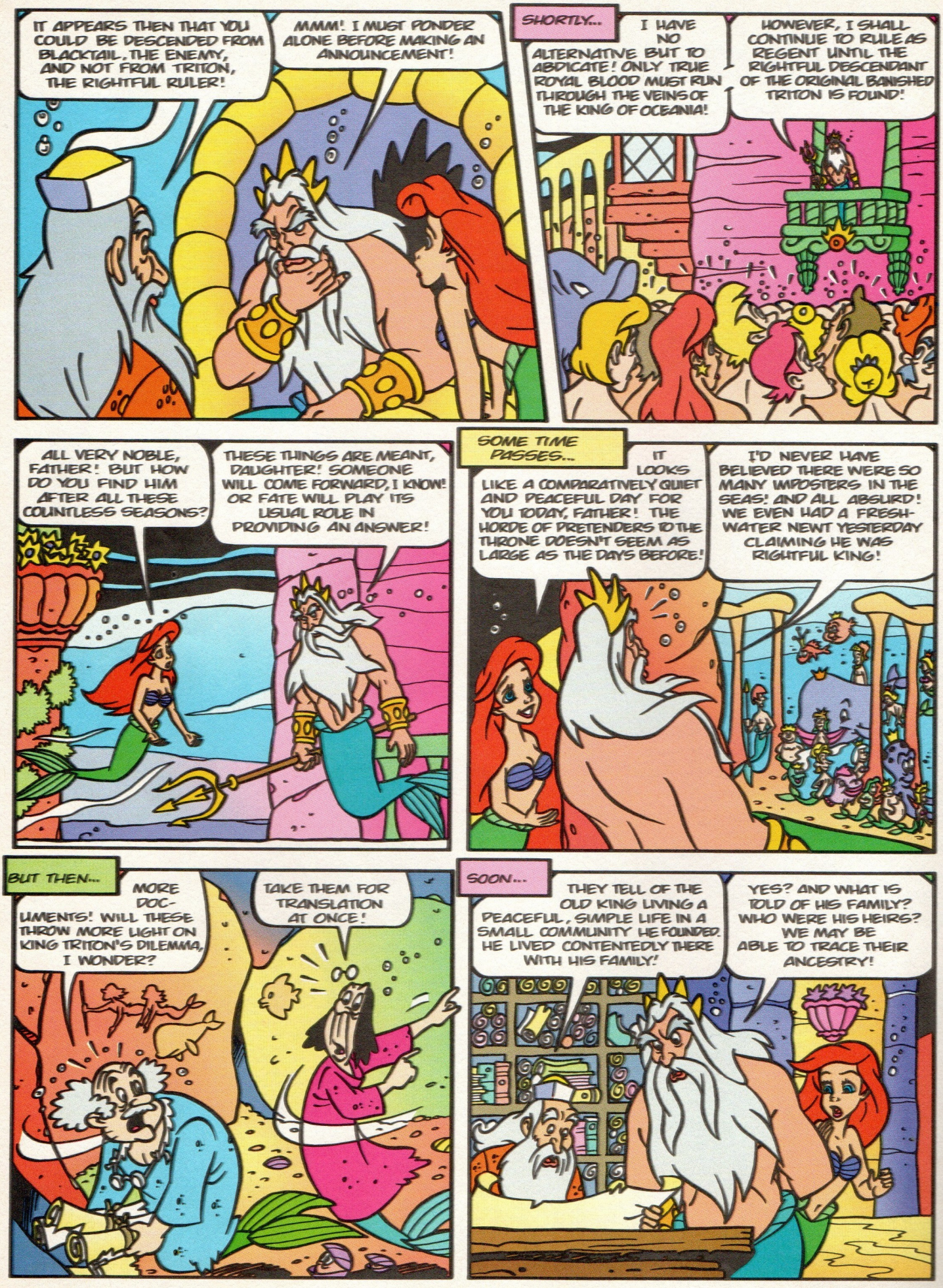
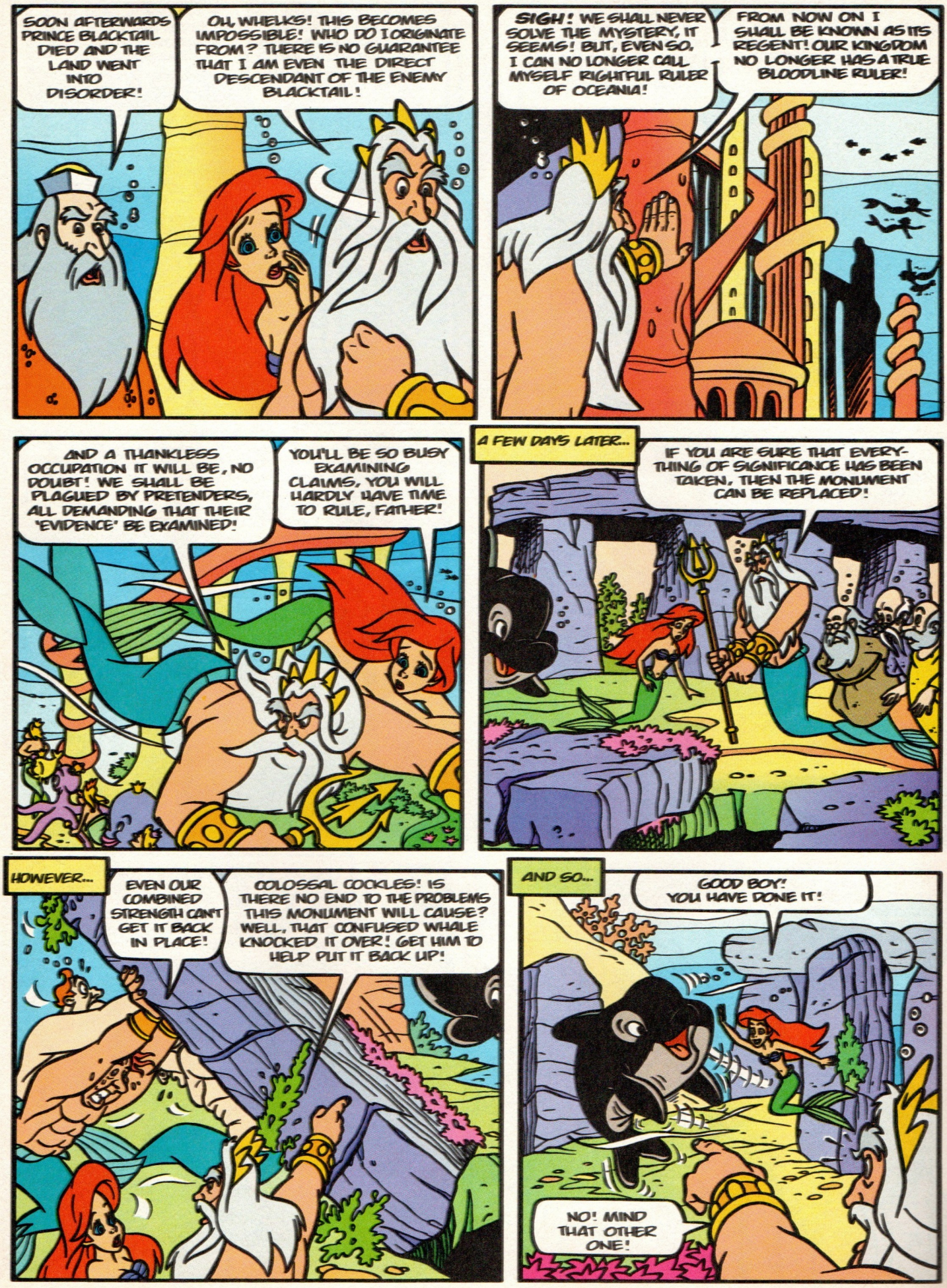
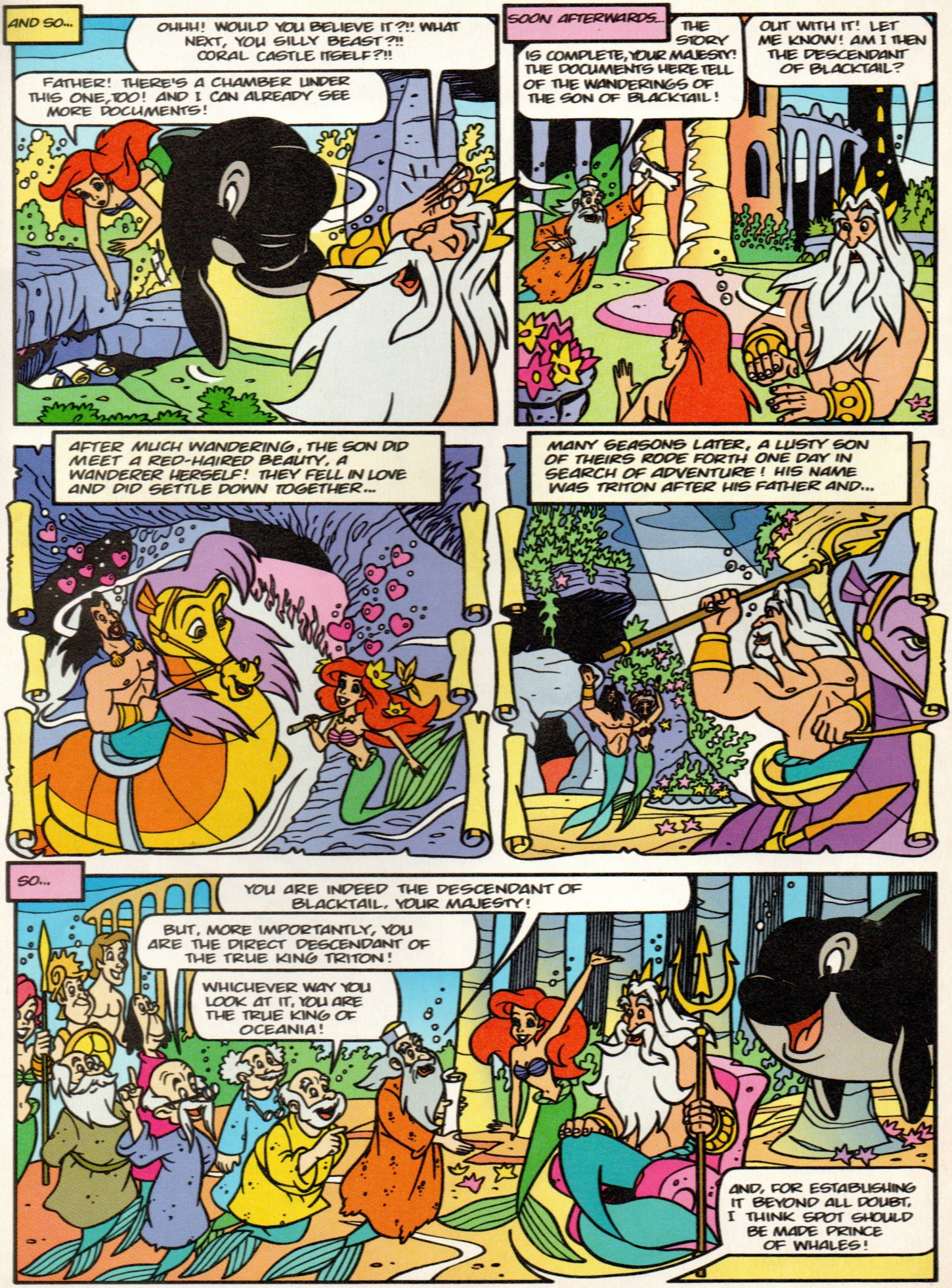

IT APPEARS THEN THAT YOU COULD BE DESCENDED FROM BLACKTAIL, THE ENEMY, AND NOT FROM TRITON, THE RIGHTFUL RULER!
MMM! I MUST PONDER ALONE BEFORE MAKING AN ANNOUNCEMENT!
SHORTLY...
I HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO ABDICATE! ONLY TRUE ROYAL BLOOD MUST RUN THROUGH THE VEINS OF THE KING OF OCEANIA!
HOWEVER, I SHALL CONTINUE TO RULE AS REGENT UNTIL THE RIGHTFUL DESCENDANT OF THE ORIGINAL BANISHED TRITON IS FOUND!
ALL VERY NOBLE, FATHER! BUT HOW DO YOU FIND HIM AFTER ALL THESE COUNTLESS SEASONS?
THESE THINGS ARE MEANT, DAUGHTER! SOMEONE WILL COME FORWARD, I KNOW! OR FATE WILL PLAY ITS USUAL ROLE IN PROVIDING AN ANSWER!
SOME TIME PASSES...
IT LOOKS LIKE A COMPARATIVELY QUIET AND PEACEFUL DAY FOR YOU TODAY, FATHER! THE HORDE OF PRETENDERS TO THE THRONE DOESN'T SEEM AS LARGE AS THE DAYS BEFORE!
I'D NEVER HAVE BELIEVED THERE WERE SO MANY IMPOSTERS IN THE SEAS! AND ALL ABSURD! WE EVEN HAD A FRESH-WATER NEWT YESTERDAY CLAIMING HE WAS RIGHTFUL KING!
BUT THEN...
MORE DOC-UMENTS! WILL THESE THROW MORE LIGHT ON KING TRITON'S DILEMMA, I WONDER?
TAKE THEM FOR TRANSLATION AT ONCE!
SOON...
THEY TELL OF THE OLD KING LIVING A PEACEFUL, SIMPLE LIFE IN A SMALL COMMUNITY HE FOUNDED. HE LIVED CONTENTEDLY THERE WITH HIS FAMILY!
YES? AND WHAT IS TOLD OF HIS FAMILY? WHO WERE HIS HEIRS? WE MAY BE ABLE TO TRACE THEIR ANCESTRY!

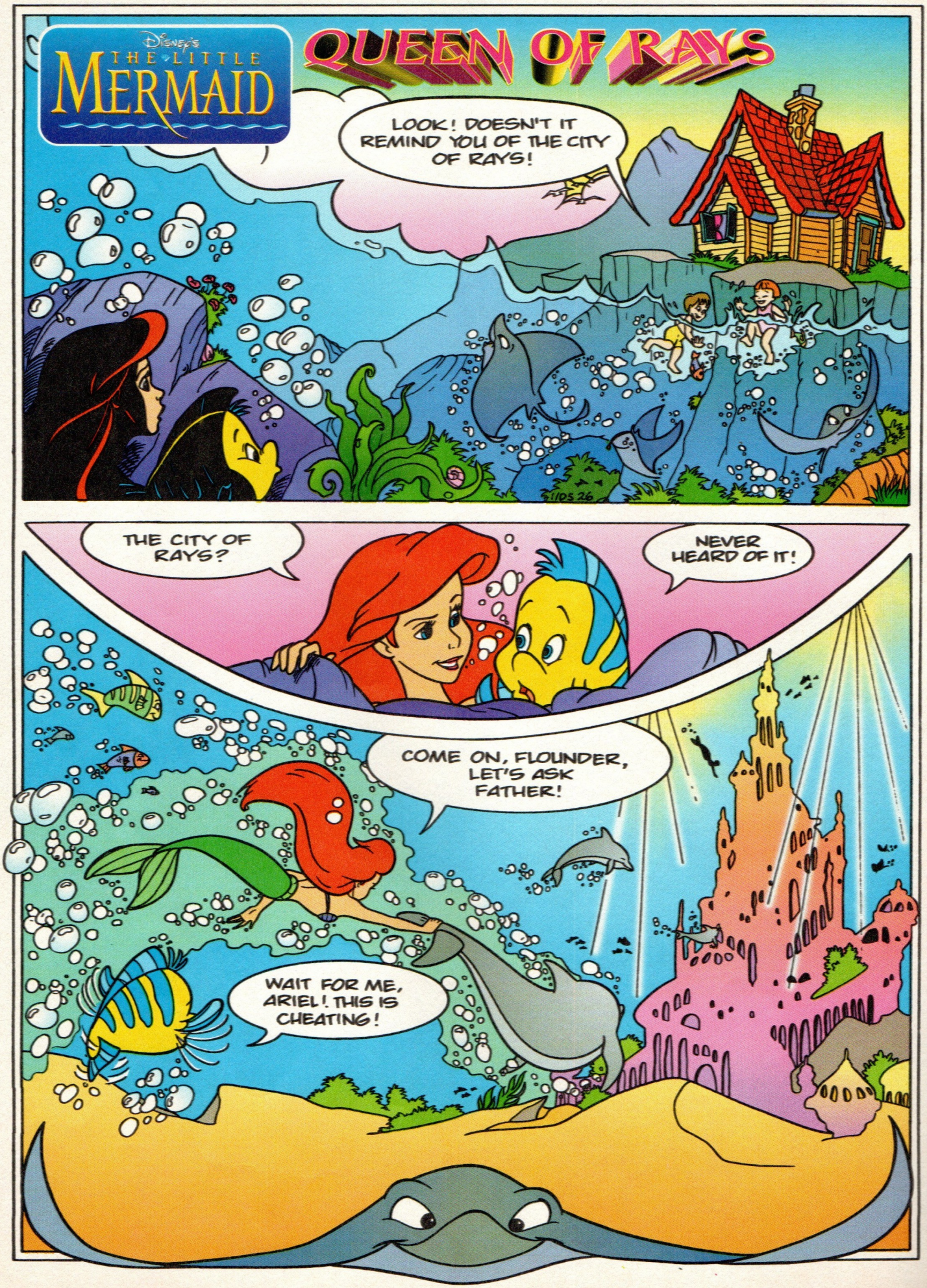
HE HAD THREE DAUGHTERS! TWO LOOKED AFTER HIM INTO HIS OLD AGE! THEY NEVER MARRIED!
BUT THE YOUNGEST WAS RED-HAIRED, HEADSTRONG AND RESTLESS! SHE WENT AWAY ON HER TRAVELS AND WAS NEVER SEEN AGAIN!
SIGH! SO THERE APPEARS TO BE NO DIRECT LINE FROM HIM, UNLESS WE CAN FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO THE DAUGHTER!
WHO DOES SOUND REMARKABLY LIKE ONE OF MY OWN DAUGHTERS, I MIGHT ADD!
IT SEEMS THERE'S TO BE NO TIDY SOLUTION TO THIS DILEMMA, DAUGHTER! IT CAN ONLY MAKE THE KINGDOM UNSETTLED!
BE PATIENT, FATHER! THERE ARE STILL MORE DOCUMENTS TO BE TRANSLATED! YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT MAY TURN UP!
THE FOLLOWING DAY...
SIGH! LOOK AT THEM ALL! MORE AND MORE CLAIMANTS TO THE THRONE! EVEN A CONGER EEL THIS TIME! I ASK YOU!
YOUR MAJESTY! THE PICTURE BECOMES EVEN MORE CONFUSED WITH THE LATEST TRANSLATIONS!
THESE HERE SHOW THAT FRIENDS OF THE ORIGINAL KING TRITON RETURNED TO THE ORIGINAL KINGDOM TO SEE HOW BLACKTAIL WAS FARING!
LAWLESSNESS AND INJUSTICE WERE RIFE! CHAOS REIGNED SUPREME! AND, WELL...
WELL, WHAT?
"WELL, THE PRINCE HAD ONE SON, WHO WAS HEIR TO THE NEW THRONE! BUT HE WAS SO OUTRAGED BY BLACKTAIL'S RULE THAT HE LEFT HOME AND WAS NEVER SEEN AGAIN!"


SOON AFTERWARDS PRINCE BLACKTAIL DIED AND THE LAND WENT INTO DISORDER!
OH, WHELKS! THIS BECOMES IMPOSSIBLE! WHO DO I ORIGINATE FROM? THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT I AM EVEN THE DIRECT DESCENDANT OF THE ENEMY BLACKTAIL!
SIGH! WE SHALL NEVER SOLVE THE MYSTERY, IT SEEMS! BUT, EVEN SO, I CAN NO LONGER CALL MYSELF RIGHTFUL RULER OF OCEANIA!
FROM NOW ON I SHALL BE KNOWN AS ITS REGENT! OUR KINGDOM NO LONGER HAS A TRUE BLOODLINE RULER!
AND A THANKLESS OCCUPATION IT WILL BE, NO DOUBT! WE SHALL BE PLAGUED BY PRETENDERS, ALL DEMANDING THAT THEIR 'EVIDENCE' BE EXAMINED!
YOU'LL BE SO BUSY EXAMINING CLAIMS, YOU WILL HARDLY HAVE TIME TO RULE, FATHER!
A FEW DAYS LATER...
IF YOU ARE SURE THAT EVERYTHING OF SIGNIFICANCE HAS BEEN TAKEN, THEN THE MONUMENT CAN BE REPLACED!
HOWEVER...
EVEN OUR COMBINED STRENGTH CAN'T GET IT BACK IN PLACE!
COLOSSAL COCKLES! IS THERE NO END TO THE PROBLEMS THIS MONUMENT WILL CAUSE? WELL, THAT CONFUSED WHALE KNOCKED IT OVER! GET HIM TO HELP PUT IT BACK UP!
AND SO...
GOOD BOY! YOU HAVE DONE IT!
NO! MIND THAT OTHER ONE!


AND SO...
OHHH! WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT?!! WHAT NEXT, YOU SILLY BEAST?!! CORAL CASTLE ITSELF?!!
FATHER! THERE'S A CHAMBER UNDER THIS ONE, TOO! AND I CAN ALREADY SEE MORE DOCUMENTS!
SOON AFTERWARDS...
THE STORY IS COMPLETE, YOUR MAJESTY! THE DOCUMENTS HERE TELL OF THE WANDERINGS OF THE SON OF BLACKTAIL!
OUT WITH IT! LET ME KNOW! AM I THEN THE DESCENDANT OF BLACKTAIL?
AFTER MUCH WANDERING, THE SON DID MEET A RED-HAIRED BEAUTY, A WANDERER HERSELF! THEY FELL IN LOVE AND DID SETTLE DOWN TOGETHER...
MANY SEASONS LATER, A LUSTY SON OF THEIRS RODE FORTH ONE DAY IN SEARCH OF ADVENTURE! HIS NAME WAS TRITON AFTER HIS FATHER AND...
SO...
YOU ARE INDEED THE DESCENDANT OF BLACKTAIL, YOUR MAJESTY!
BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, YOU ARE THE DIRECT DESCENDANT OF THE TRUE KING TRITON!
WHICHEVER WAY YOU LOOK AT IT, YOU ARE THE TRUE KING OF OCEANIA!
AND, FOR ESTABLISHING IT BEYOND ALL DOUBT, I THINK SPOT SHOULD BE MADE PRINCE OF WHALES!

Repeated Objects

In this picture of Ariel and her friends there are six objects which appear twice. Can you see and name what they are?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QUEEN OF RAYS
LOOK! DOESN'T IT REMIND YOU OF THE CITY OF RAYS!
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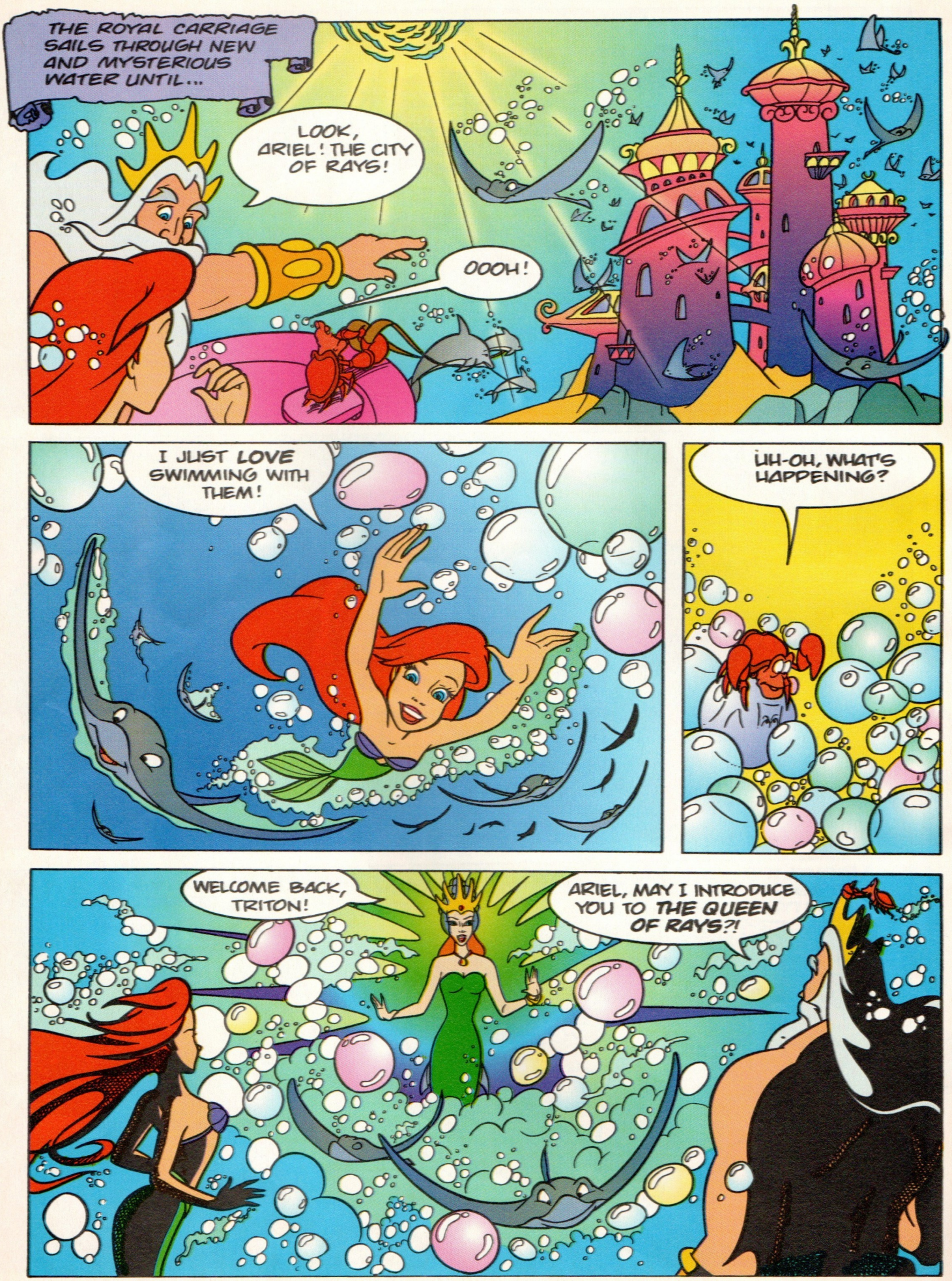
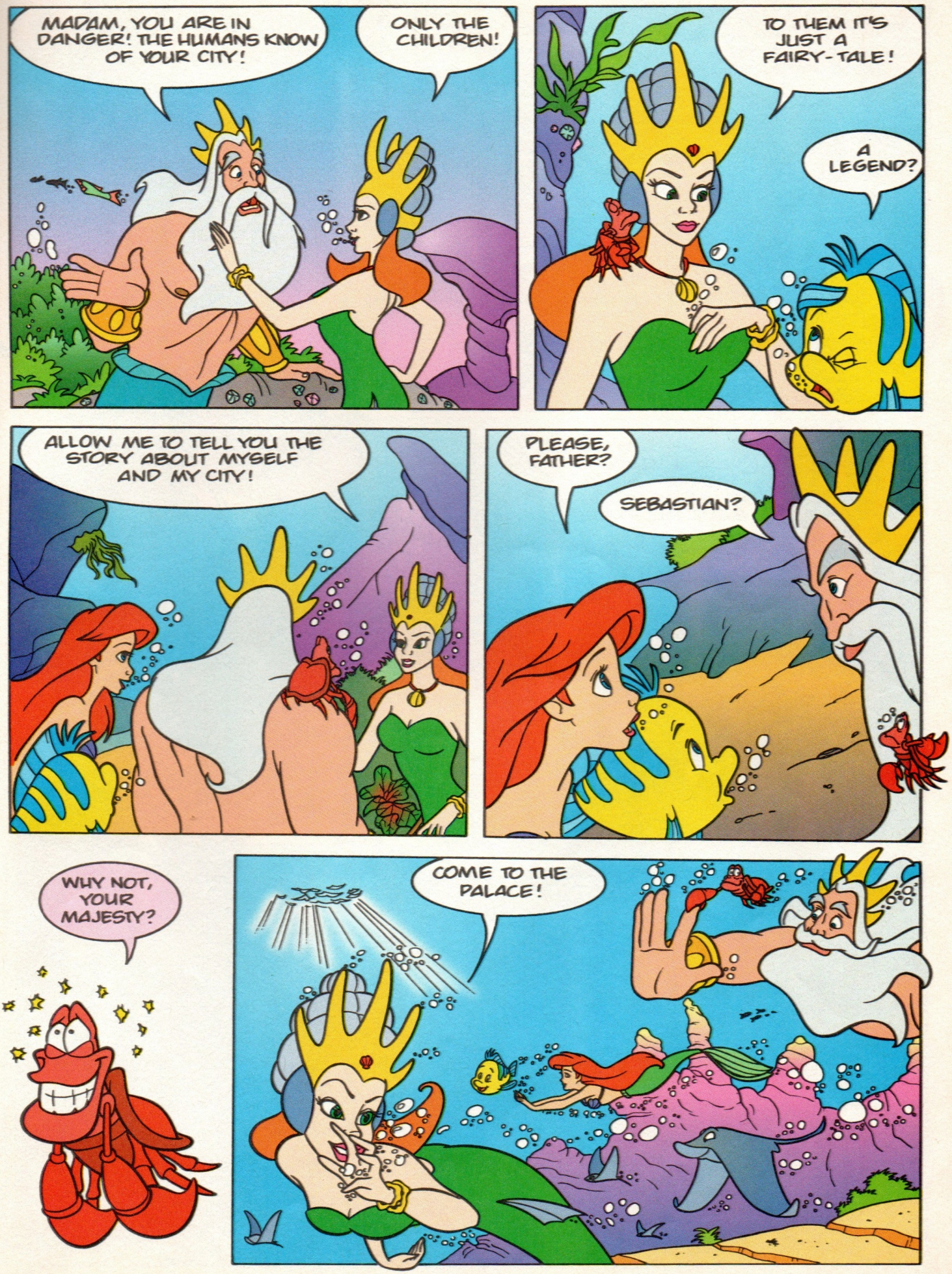
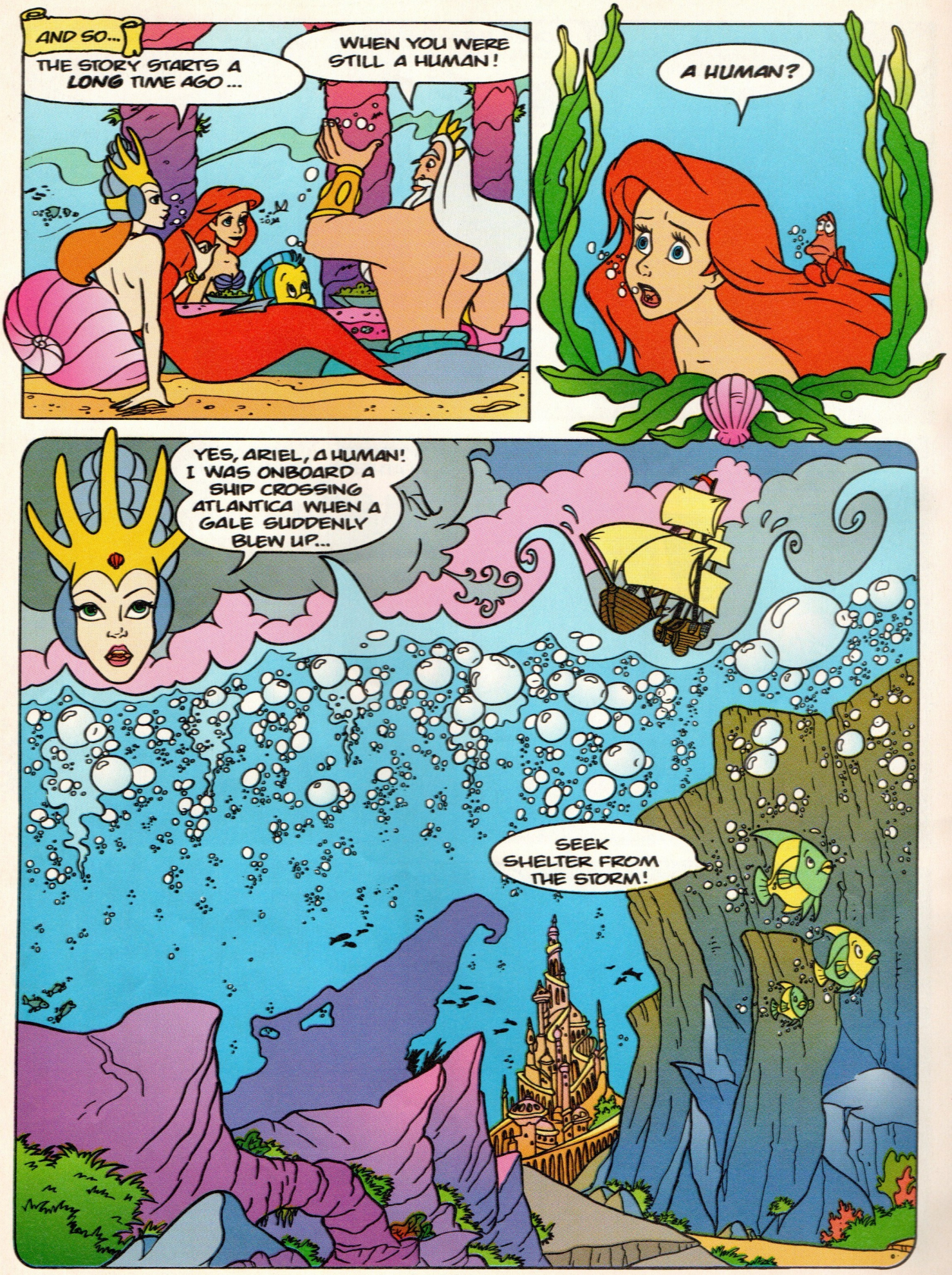
THE CITY OF RAYS?
NEVER HEARD OF IT!
COME ON, FLOUNDER, LET'S ASK FATHER!
WAIT FOR ME, ARIEL! THIS IS CHEATING!

SIRE, DON'T TURN ROUND! PROBLEMS IN SIGHT!
WHAT?
ARIEL!
FATHER, WHAT'S THE CITY OF RAYS?
I KNEW IT!
WELL...
GO ON, TELL ME!
RIGHT! IT'S A "MAGICAL" CITY...
WE'RE OFF!
THE CARRIAGE IS READY! (SIGH!)


THE ROYAL CARRIAGE SAILS THROUGH NEW AND MYSTERIOUS WATER UNTIL...
LOOK, ARIEL! THE CITY OF RAYS!
OOOH!
I JUST LOVE SWIMMING WITH THEM!
UH-OH, WHAT'S HAPPENING?
WELCOME BACK, TRITON!
ARIEL, MAY I INTRODUCE YOU TO THE QUEEN OF RAYS?!

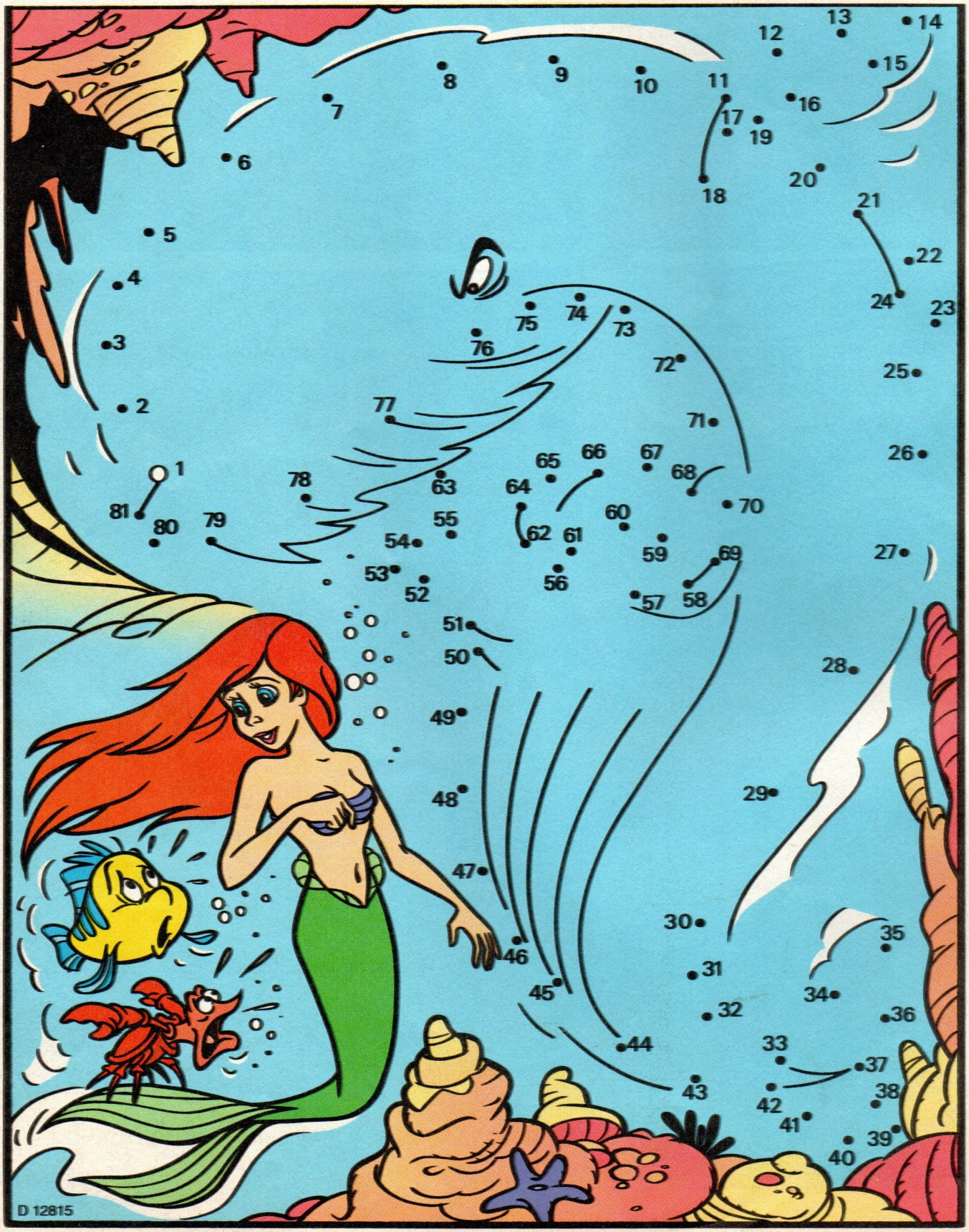

MADAM, YOU ARE IN DANGER! THE HUMANS KNOW OF YOUR CITY!
ONLY THE CHILDREN!
TO THEM IT'S JUST A FAIRY-TALE!
A LEGEND?
ALLOW ME TO TELL YOU THE STORY ABOUT MYSELF AND MY CITY!
PLEASE, FATHER?
SEBASTIAN?
WHY NOT, YOUR MAJESTY?
COME TO THE PALACE!


AND SO...
THE STORY STARTS A LONG TIME AGO...
WHEN YOU WERE STILL A HUMAN!
A HUMAN?
YES, ARIEL, A HUMAN! I WAS ONBOARD A SHIP CROSSING ATLANTICA WHEN A GALE SUDDENLY BLEW UP...
SEEK SHELTER FROM THE STORM!

"AT FIRST IT NEVER OCCURRED TO ME THAT I WAS IN DANGER..."
"BUT SUDDENLY I WAS THROWN INTO THE SEA..."
"I CRIED FOR HELP BUT ALL IN VAIN..."
STOP! HELP ME!
I MUST HELP THAT POOR GIRL!

MAY THE SEA BECOME YOUR FRIEND!
"TRITON TRANS-FORMED MY LITTLE BIRDS INTO RAYS..."
"...AND I TOO, FELT I WAS BEING CHANGED!"
"I HAD BEEN TRANSFORMED TO A MERMAID, 'THE QUEEN OF THE RAYS'!"
THANK YOU, TRITON!

YOU ARE HAVING ME ON!
IS THAT WHAT YOU THINK? COME, LET ME SHOW YOU SOMETHING!
"WHEN NO-ONE LOOKS, MY RAYS SPREAD THEIR WINGS AND SOAR INTO THE SKIES AS IF THEY WERE STILL BIRDS!"
IT'S LIKE A DREAM!
The End.

Sea Monster

Flounder and Sebastian have been trying to tell Ariel that there is a huge scary monster behind her, but she doesn't believe them! Join up the dots to find out if they are right.